

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
ABSTRACT

Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Diversion of **0.3477 Ha** of forest land in Kothaguda RF of Shamshabad division for laying of 132 kv line by erecting 2 nos of towers under existing line for shifting of line falling in the alignment of proposed Multilevel Flyover crossing Botanical Garden, Kothaguda and Kondapur junctions in favour of GHMC, Hyderabad.-**Final (Stage.II) approval** accorded – Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (For.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 35

Dated: 18-06-2022
Read the following:-

- 1.From the PCCF(HoFF),TS, Hyd., Ref.No.21242/2019/FCA-4,
Dated:29.06.2021.
- 2.G.O.Rt.No.89, EFS&T (For.I) Dept., Dt.01.09.2021.
- 3.Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and
Climate Change (FC Division), New Delhi, Lr.F.No.5-2/2017-
FC, dt.28-03-2019.
- 4.From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF),
Telangana State, Hyderabad. Ref.No.21242/2019/FCA-4,
Dated:26.02.2022.

ORDER:

In the letter 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad has submitted a proposal under section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of **0.3477 Ha** of forest land in Kothaguda RF of Shamshabad division for laying of 132 kv line by erecting 2 nos of towers under existing line for shifting of line falling in the alignment of proposed Multilevel Flyover crossing Botanical Garden, Kothaguda and Kondapur junctions in favour of GHMC, Hyderabad.

2. In the G.O.2nd read above, Government have accorded approval **in-principle (Stage.I)** for the above project as per the powers delegated to State Government in the guidelines issued by Government of India, in the letter 3rd read above, subject to certain conditions as stipulated therein.

3. In the letter 4th read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad has furnished the compliance report on the conditions stipulated in Stage-I approval accorded by the State Government for the project and requested to accord final approval for this project as per the guidelines issued by Ministry of Environment Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi, in the letter 3rd read above.

4. Government after careful examination of the proposal of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad, hereby accord **final (Stage.II)** approval for diversion of **0.3477 Ha** of forest land in Kothaguda RF of Shamshabad division for laying of 132 kv line by erecting 2 nos of towers under existing line for shifting of line falling in the alignment of proposed Multilevel Flyover crossing Botanical Garden, Kothaguda and Kondapur junctions in favour of GHMC, Hyderabad, subject to the following conditions:-

- i. The legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged;

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- ii. Demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters from the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency;
- iii. The State Forest Department shall carryout Compensatory Afforestation (CA) and its maintenance over 0.6944 ha of degraded forest area in Compt No.196, Medipally RF of Mudimiyal Beat & Section of Chilkur Range, from the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency;
- iv. The degraded forest land identified for CA shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
- v. Additional amount of Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from User Agency.
- vi. The State Forest Department shall carry out plantation and its maintenance of dwarf species (preferably medicinal plants) in the right of way under the transmission line, from the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency;
- vii. The User Agency shall restrict the felling of trees to the minimum in the diverted width of 27 meters of the forest land and the State Forest Department shall carry out translocation of the trees wherever feasible at the cost of the User Agency; In case of felling, the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department at the project cost.
- viii. The User Agency at its cost shall provide bird deflectors, which are to be fixed on the upper conductor of the transmission line at suitable intervals to avoid bird hits;
- ix. The User Agency at its cost shall provide to install the bird flight divertors as per the specification of GoI, Ministry of Power, Central Electricity Authority in F.No.CEA-PS-14-75/1/2019-PSETD, Division/624-87,Dt.10.11.2021, issued in pursuance to Hon'ble Supreme Court of India orders on transmission line to avoid chances of collision of birds to the transmission lines at suitable intervals.
- x. The User Agency shall comply with the guidelines issued by the Ministry for laying transmission lines through forest areas;
- xi. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government;
- xii. The user agency shall construct the FOB instead of underpass (compliance related to "Re-diversion of 3.678 Ha of forest land for widening of road in kothaguda RF in favour of GHMC, Hyderabad") within three months.
- xiii. The user agency shall construct Boundary wall in singidi smart park area and behind the proposed bus bay area with in 3 months and to install the cameras along the RTL road at degraded places.

- xiv. The bus bay to be constructed immediately with a elevated platform and in closed chamber. No trespassing of the vehicles shall be allowed.
- xv. The user agency shall construct a new septic tank in advance and connect to the toilets before taking up the works so as not to cause inconvenience to public visiting Botanical Garden in three months.
- xvi. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land; Disturbance shall be kept minimal by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible and it will be the responsibility of the User Agency to ensure that the labourers & staff engaged in execution of work do not destruct nearby forest flora & fauna;
- xvii. Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel;
- xviii. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for the transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work;
- xix. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal;
- xx. The forest land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred/sublet to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government;
- xxi. The trees on strips would have to be felled but after stringing work is completed, natural regeneration will be allowed to come up. Future pollarding/pruning of trees will be done with the permission of the local forest officer wherever necessary for the maintenance of the transmission lines;
- xxii. During construction of transmission line, pollarding/pruning of trees located outside the 27 meters width of the strips whose branches/parts infringe with conductor stringing, shall be permitted to the extent necessary, as may be decided by the local forest officer;
- xxiii. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **0.3477 ha** and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal;
- xxiv. Any other condition that the Central Government or Regional Officer(Central) of Integrated Regional Office, Hyderabad may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, shall be complied by the User Agency;
- xxv. In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the User Agency is liable for Penal action as per the provisions made under rules/ guidelines issued under FCA, 1980.
- xxvi. The monitoring report on the conditions shall be uploaded in the ministry's portal.

5. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad shall take further action, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

A.SANTHI KUMARI,
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF),
Telangana State, Hyderabad.

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SECTION OFFICER.